

## Kearney battle begins in Lincoln

By **JOHN ROOD**  
Editor

Lincoln — After a few minor skirmishes, what may be remembered as the Battle of Kearney began in earnest last week.

State senators gave 27-8 first-round approval Friday to an amended bill that would add Kearney State College to the University of Nebraska system. Legislative Bill 247, a bill intended to fund a study of the state's system of higher education, was amended on a 27-12 vote to include the addition of Kearney State.

The amendment, which failed to receive the support of many Lincoln-area senators, contained provisions of LB 160, which earlier stalled in the Legislature's Education Committee.

LB 247 still must withstand two more votes by the Legislature and a possible court case before Kearney State becomes the fourth campus in the NU system. In March, State Attorney General Robert Spire issued an opinion which stated the transfer of control of Kearney State College from the State College Board of Trustees to the NU Board of Regents may be unconstitutional.

In a Gateway interview last week, Spire said such a transfer would need to be approved by the people of Nebraska in a special constitutional amendment.

"The Legislature itself cannot change the constitution," he said. "Only the people can."

Although legal aspects of the transfer differ, some state

senators have said the addition of Kearney State to the NU system would be the most drastic change of the state's higher education system since Omaha University was added to the University of Nebraska as UNO in 1967.

Omaha University, the last independent municipal university in the United States, was added to NU by legislative statute and a vote of Omaha voters. Kearney State College, created in 1903, was later designated as a teacher's college and placed under control of the Board of Trustees in the Nebraska Constitution.

Despite those differences, debates over the addition of Omaha University and possible addition of Kearney State share some similarities. In both cases, many Lincoln-area senators opposed the transfers because they were concerned about the financial impact on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Also both institutions claimed to be seriously underfunded. Omaha University's future was said to be in jeopardy because Omaha's voters had rejected increases in mill levy support for the school in 1963 and 1966. Kearney State President William Nester has said his college is 90 percent underfunded when compared to other institutions in its peer group.

UNO Student President/Regent Paula Effle, who has made comparisons between the OU and Kearney State transfers in front of the Legislature's Education Committee, said she will be interested to see how the attorney general's opinion fares in court.

"This will force the Supreme Court to test it," she said.

## Regents urge education study

By **JOHN ROOD**  
Editor

Lincoln — The University of Nebraska Board of Regents said "thanks but no thanks" Saturday to an amended bill given first-round approval by the Legislature.

Senators approved an amendment Friday to Legislative Bill 247, a bill allocating funds to study the state's system of higher education. The amendment would add Kearney State College to the NU system.

In a resolution introduced by Regent Don Blank of McCook, the board told state senators it opposed changes in state higher education until "a strategic plan" could be completed.

In a similar resolution introduced by Blank earlier this year, the board told senators it recommended a study of higher education before adding Kearney State. Both resolutions were adopted by the board on 6-2 votes, with Regents John Payne of Kearney and Kermit Hansen of Elkhorn voting against them.

Blank said that although the board remains neutral on the issue of whether to add Kearney State to the NU system, the resolutions were intended to send a message to the Legislature.

"Let there be no mistake," he said. "We are opposed to any change before the adoption of a long-range plan."

Student President/Regent Paula Effle, who voted against the earlier resolution, cast her unofficial vote in favor of the second resolution. She said a study is necessary to determine what the role and missions of the NU campuses and Kearney State should be prior to adding the college to the NU system.

## UNO professor journeys to Africa with supplies, fears

By **JANETTE THOMAS RIDDER**  
Senior Reporter

Joyce Cook, assistant professor of health education, will soon experience life without the conveniences of indoor plumbing, clean clothes and clean water, when she spends eight weeks in a small east African country.

"My greatest fear is getting malaria," Cook said. "Malaria is one of the top 10 causes of death (in the country). The people can't afford mosquito nets or mosquito repellent." In preparing for the May 23 journey, Cook has had shots for typhoid, rabies, yellow fever and hepatitis, and will begin anti-malaria pills two weeks before she leaves.

Cook said the country she will be visiting, which cannot be named for politically sensitive reasons, has several problems.

"They're really, really poor — per capita income is under \$200 a year. The majority of the people wear rags," she said. "They basically don't have clean water, unless they boil it, and most can't afford fire wood."

"AIDS is a really big problem, but they don't say much because they don't know what to say. One-third of the adults may already be infected. They're estimating that in 10 years there will be no one in the country that is now over 15." Cook said outdated medical and health knowledge may be contributing to the widespread infection of AIDS.

"I'm taking needles with me, so I know (the shots) will be clean, because the hospitals use the same needles two

See Cook on page 6



## Theatre Under the Dome

Pictured above is the cast of Ray Bradbury's "A Night of Delicate Terrors." The production can be seen April 13 to 16 in the Mallory Kountze Planetarium at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5. See review on page 3.

## Congress to allow part-time students to become Pell Grant candidates

By **AMY BUCKINGHAM**  
Associate Editor

Some UNO students applying for financial aid may be getting more money from the federal government.

According to Phil Shreves, director of financial aid at UNO, students attending UNO less than half-time could be eligible for Pell Grants under the Higher Education Amendment of 1986.

Half-time students are enrolled in six or more hours of class. Part-time students are enrolled in less than six hours of class.

In the past, federal-funded Pell Grants were given to students meeting specific income requirements and attending an institution of higher learning on at least a half-time basis.

The federal government gives Pell Grants during the school year, which is referred to as the award year.

"The amendment specified in the 1989-90 award year, Pell Grants may be awarded to students attending less than six hours and having the least amount of finances available," Shreves said.

In order for students to receive a Pell Grant, they must first fill out a 1989-90 Financial Aid Form, Shreves said. From this form the federal government compiles a Student Aid Report. The report specifies a student's Pell Grant eligibility with a Student Aid Index (SAI).

"The SAI indicates the financial strength of the student and his family," he said. "Congress has provided federal aid for the neediest students, those with an SAI of zero, to

enroll even on a less than half-time basis."

According to Shreves, in the 1988-89 award year, 933 students who applied for financial aid through UNO had an SAI of zero.

"Many of those students would not qualify for this type of aid because they enroll in six hours or more," he said. "But there is some percentage of those 933 students, and we're not quite sure how large that percentage is, who would qualify for this type of aid because they are only part-time students."

The Financial Aid Office estimates each eligible student will receive \$139 each semester from the new program.

According to Shreves, the grant would pay the tuition for one three-credit hour course at UNO, and the majority of tuition for four- and five-credit hour courses.

"This aid is the first federal aid to service part-time students," he said. "Unless a student can receive aid from outside the university, maybe through the armed forces or his employer, there has been, and there will be, no other form of federal aid."

Shreves said the change is a positive development in federal financial aid.

"This would be a good opportunity for very needy students who would feel uncomfortable with their ability to pursue even a half-time education, to try out higher education and see how they do in one class," he said.

Shreves said he commends Congress and the U.S. Department of Education for recognizing the needs of part-time students.

"This will be very good for institutions like UNO because we service so many part-time students," he said.



# Comment

## Writer says 'world would be a better place' with more Broadway

The way things are and the way things should be are two entirely different matters. Contradictions have smacked me in the face over and over again in New York. On one block it's Banana Republic and Cartier, on the next it's soup kitchens and street people. Maybe what New York (and the country) needs is a bit more Socialism. Everybody calm down, this is a column about Broadway and the arts, not Marxism.

I've only seen two Broadway shows here and I loved them both. I probably won't be able to afford any more. Three weeks ago I caught "Les Miserables" (Tony award for best musical 1987), because they had student tickets for \$16. Last week I saw "M. Butterfly" (Tony award for best play 1988), because one of my favorite UNO English professors was in the city and was nice enough to pay my way in. I owe him one.

Broadway is the real thing. It's amazing. The acting, the sets and the singing are incredible, so incredible I think everyone should see what is available here. It's like religion. A grown man sitting next to me at "Les Miserables" cried

the end. I was embarrassed for him.

I've seen great productions in Omaha, too, but they run these shows every night here. Broadway has volume and quality, but the great white way is unbelievably unfair. Tickets keep the majority of people in New York from going to the theater. Prices generally start at \$40 a seat — the end result is Yuppies and well off older folks go to see shows. Very few families here can afford to drop \$200 for a couple of hours of entertainment for the kids. It doesn't make financial sense, and that's wrong.

**Tim Kaldahl**  
Gateway Columnist

I always believed art was supposed to be for people, all people. Broadway is the best, but is available only to the few. Somebody has to do something about this. The only

answer I could find after thinking about what I'd seen and who I saw there is nationalizing Broadway. Plays should cost no more than \$10 each.

Why shouldn't a group of school kids from Harlem or the South Bronx be able to see "A Chorus Line" and maybe dream about acting, singing or writing? By the same token, shouldn't kids from the projects in Omaha be taken to see a play or a concert at the Orpheum? Money is a lame excuse. Cities provide for road maintenance and social services, necessary things, but they also kick in money for things that make people have better lives. Parks are one example and arts are another.

After seeing just two of Broadway's best, I'm convinced the world would be a better place if it saw more good theater. Television and movies do not hold a candle to live performance. It's the difference between a record and a live concert. If theater is good, you can feel it. You learn something. You can't put a price on that.

You can put a price, however, on art in New York City. Besides play-going, gallery-hopping has kept me amused. Paintings and sculptures here amaze me not because of their quality, but because of their price. I'm not prepared to pay \$30,000 for a marble globe standing on three well-formed feet with "I love you, I love you, I love you" engraved on the base.

Speaking of Art, with a capital "A," the big debate I'm in now with a friend of mine is over the question "What is art?" Easier questions might be "What is life? Why is life? Is there life? Can I have some life, too?" I'm from the old school that says art is an inborn talent. He says you need to live a life in an artistic manner so that everything you do is art. It's an age old debate, but what it comes down to is I'm right, he's wrong. Simple isn't it?

The art debate was inspired by a class we're taking for the next six weeks taught by a painter and print maker. Bill Maxwell (Max) lives the life of a Bohemian Soho artist. He tended bar at 14, was married at 18, spent eight years in the Navy, came to Soho and is now a well-respected and pony-tailed artist, who teaches students while Lou Reed plays in the background. He told the group of us, as we sat on the floor of his studio, that he wants us to see art differently and for ourselves after his class is over.

Uh, yeah. Sure. I'll need a Visa card first. Let's hear it for more plays and less marble feet.

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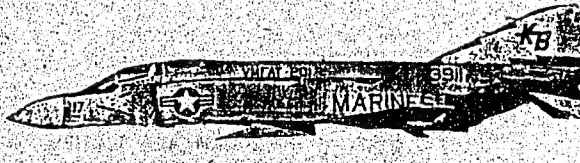
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## 'A Night of Delicate Terrors' typically 'compelling'

"Night of Delicate Terrors" is better than watching old "Twilight Zone" re-runs in a dark closet, and twice as compelling.

Based on two plays by American author Ray Bradbury, it's just your average drama performed in a planetarium by a fine cast which includes a computer named Jello.

Using few physical props and the wizardry of the planetarium's technology, the troupe dives into "Kaleidoscope," the first of the two plays in the production. This short work deals with how a group of people cope with death after a meteor hits their rocketship and sends them aloft in space.

Most of the first play is performed in the dark. The performers are positioned throughout the planetarium, as if they

were adrift in deep space. Overhead, projections of stars and meteors enhance Bradbury's brilliant script.

The obvious standout in this work is David L. Sindelar as Applegate, a disgruntled crew member who mocks everyone as they contemplate their last hours alive. He does well as a pathetic smart-ass facing death.

"Kaleidoscope" made a wonderful opener. It had the cold-heartedness one expects from Bradbury, powered by a highly energetic cast. It proved a welcome beginning for what was to come.

Moving from the dark reaches of space to the distance future, the group went straight into "Pillar of Fire." Of the two works, this one stands out because of a remarkable per-

formance from actor William York Hyde.

Hyde plays William Lantry, a man from the 20th Century who rises from his grave to find a world that has done away with the dead by burning them in pillars of fire.

But in this world, the society of earth has also done away with the memories of the past. Lantry, awakening in this world, considers himself a member of the "living dead" and tries to cope with this society.

The performance by Hyde is mind-blowing. Lantry comes alive as this actor combines black humor and heavy drama with savage grace. He makes full use of a crowded stage, not afraid to go face-to-face with the audience.

— STEVE CHASE

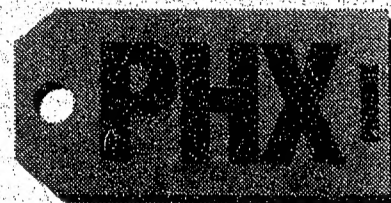
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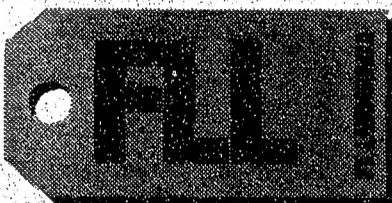
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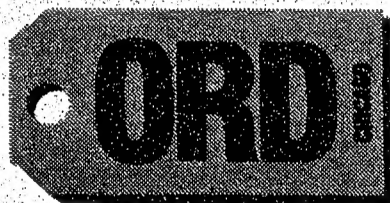
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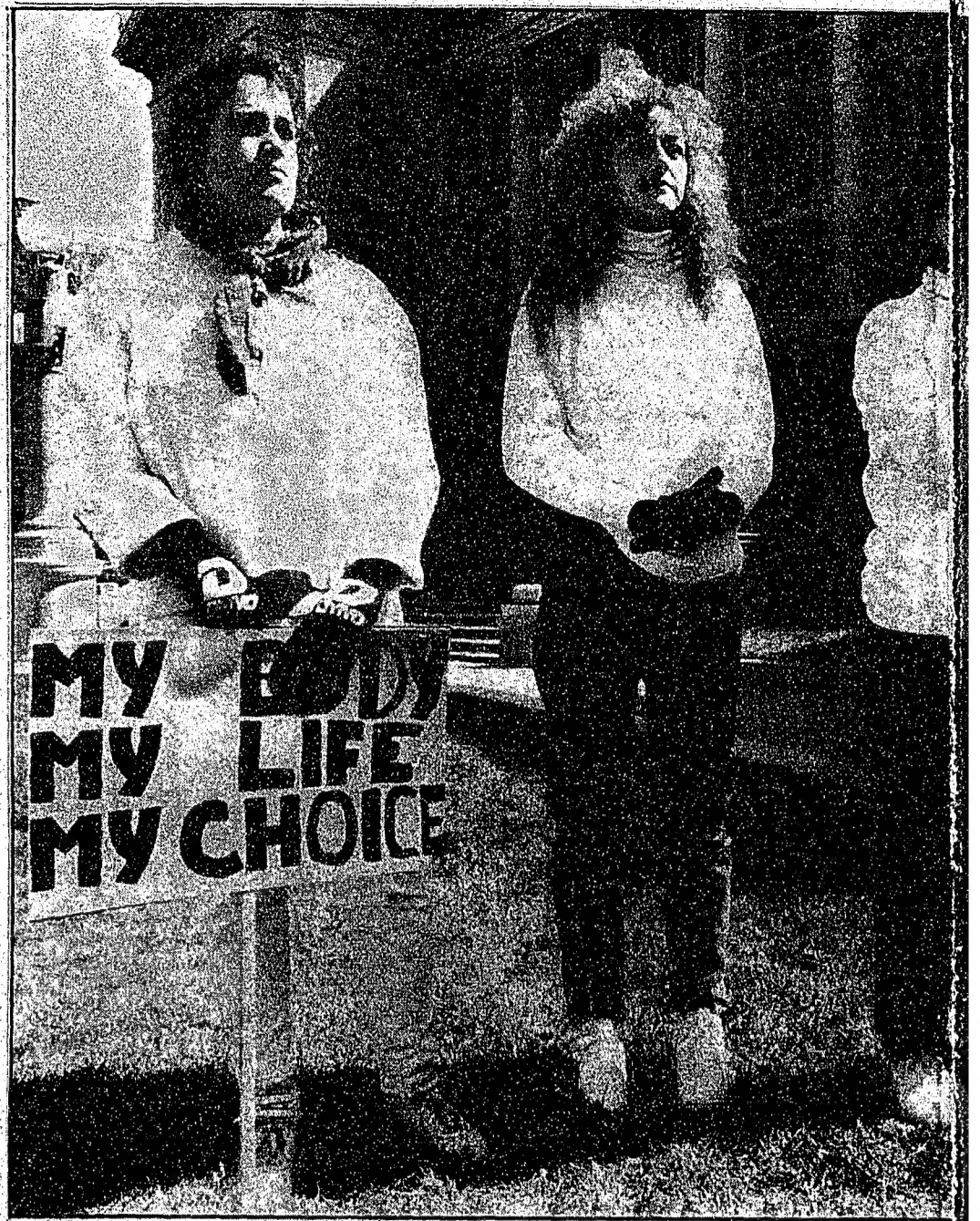
## ON TRIAL

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With *Webster*, the Supreme Court could overturn *Roe vs. Wade*. And advocates on both sides, pro-choice and pro-life, agree that abortion is in jeopardy.

Stories by MELANIE MORRISSEY and ERIC STOAKES



Local Pro-Choice advocates gathered outside the County Courthouse Sunday after march.

## Pro-choice advocates fear change

**T**wenty-three-year-old Karen never considered keeping her unborn child. "Since I was so young and living alone, I always thought that if I did get pregnant, I wouldn't allow myself to weigh the options," she said about her abortion four years ago.

"I mean, what would I do? My family was Catholic, and I had a very strict Catholic grandmother. I just decided it was the best thing to do."

Today, Karen said she feels no regrets and still believes, for her, the decision was the right one.

"The way my life is now, I can't see myself having a three-year-old child," she said.

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With *Webster*, the Supreme Court could overturn *Roe vs. Wade*. And by June, laws pertaining to abortion could be reverted back to the states.

A woman's right to choose in Nebraska may be in jeopardy.

"Out of 49 legislators in the Nebraska Unicameral, 36 are anti-choice," said Arlie Katzman, chairwoman of the Pro-choice Advocates. "They already have more than the majority they need to outlaw abortion in this state."

"What really doesn't make any sense is that if they're going to make abortion illegal then they have to come up with some kind of punishment for the crime," Katzman said. "So who do you punish? The doctor? The woman? The person who took them to where they have it? Or, are you going to put all four of them in jail?"

Katzman said if abortion is made illegal,

the law will not prevent women from having abortions.

"The 1.5 million abortions a year will continue just as they did prior to 1973," she said. "Unfortunately, a lot of women will end up dying in the process."

Katzman, a leader in the pro-choice movement for over six years, said the Reagan ad-



Participants in the Pro-Choice march Sunday fear the reversal of *Roe vs. Wade*.

ministration is responsible for pushing abortion rights to the edge.

"It's not just the abortion issue," she said. "Reagan has set civil and women's rights back years. His administration has taken away federal funding for abortion on women and then has turned around and taken away welfare benefits, and the women can't come up with the money and are forced to have the children."

The threat posed toward abortion has mobilized pro-choice groups into action, according to Jan Kennedy, executive director of Planned Parenthood in Omaha.

"Planned Parenthood has launched a national campaign to keep abortion safe and legal," Kennedy said. "One of the things

we're doing locally is working with other Planned Parenthoods in Nebraska to recruit a group of activists within the state to work on the issue of abortion."

Those activists are working on contacting legislators and trying to raise awareness that abortion really is a critical issue, Kennedy said.

"One of the most important things we need to do is to help people recognize that abortion is just the tip of the iceberg," Kennedy said. "Abortion is just the first thing on the agenda of the anti-choice people."

**"And when you're dealing with students that want to finish their education and their birth control doesn't work, they're going to want to do something about an unwanted pregnancy. It's just a shame they may have to die to get the job done."**

—Arlie Katzman

Kennedy said pro-life advocates are not only opposed to abortion, but to family planning, sex education and contraception.

"Abortion is the flag right now, but it stands for so much more," Kennedy said. "They want to take everything away that would reduce the need for abortion in this country."

Katzman agreed. "When a person is pro-choice, generally it's not just on the abortion issue, it's on rights period," she said.

Kennedy said she thinks Nebraska legislators understand the negative impact illegalizing abortion would have on Nebraska.

"I would like to think that they (legislators) are far more humane and interested in women's health issues than the anti-choice people," Kennedy said.

If abortion rights are outlawed, Kennedy said her organization would review Omaha's

situation prior to *Roe vs. Wade*. Before that decision, abortion in Nebraska was illegal.

"Women in this city got abortions before it was available in medically safe facilities," Kennedy said. "Some would start having illegal abortions again, and wealthy women would go to other states to get abortions."

Women will still have abortions, but they won't be safe and they won't be legal, she said.

Although a woman's right to choose is now supported by the law, pro-life advocates are doing everything they can to take this right away, Katzman said.

Every Saturday morning, she said, 25 to 100 protestors surround two Omaha abortion clinics.

"They move from one clinic to the other," Katzman said. "It's pathetic seeing these traumatized women coming into the clinic with their boyfriends or husbands or parents or friends and having someone out there with a sign of a cut up, bloody fetus."

"They've gone through a very rough decision, and to be traumatized before you are anesthetized is life-threatening."

Katzman's organization tries to help. Six years ago she started a group of escorts to combat protestors.

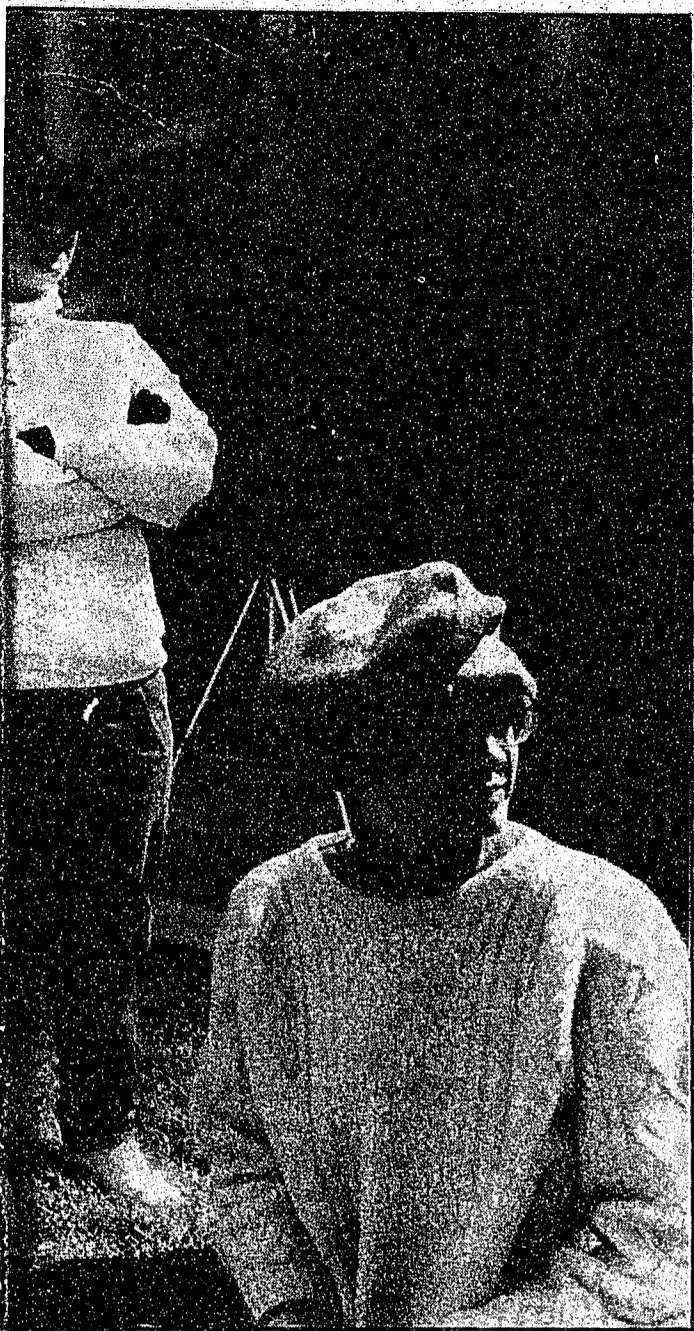
UNO Associate Professor Bill Calahan and five other UNO professors serve as escorts. "We meet the patients at their car and walk with them up to the front door of the clinic, talking with them to occupy their minds and reaffirming to them that the picketers will be gone by the time they come out," Calahan said.

"We're not vehement about it, we essentially look at escorting as a way to exercise our belief system," he said.

April 8, protestors surrounded the Women's Medical Center of Nebraska, an abortion clinic at 4930 L St. A mother and daughter pulled into the parking lot and were met by three escorts. While they walked to the entrance, a protestor yelled: "Grandma, don't kill your grand-child. Please don't help kill your daughter's baby."

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ing up Farnam St.

Photos by Dave Weaver

# Pro-lifers support reverse in decision

**W**hen Laura became pregnant at 19, her boyfriend's mother called and offered to take the problem off her hands.

"She said, 'I'll take you to Kansas City for a day, and you'll get an abortion, and no one will ever know except you and me,'" Laura said.

A long-time pro-life advocate, Laura was angry. "I was mad," she said. "But I was probably more scared, because the thought of abortion did cross my mind, but I could never do it."

"Everyone says that if you're pro-life, abortion shouldn't enter your mind, but when you're only 19, it's an alternative," Laura said.

A freshman at UNL, Laura quit school and moved back to her parents' home in Omaha to have her baby. She married Melinda's father three years later, and both are graduating from college in May.

Laura said she has no regrets about keeping her baby, who is now three-and-a-half.

"It was hard because I was going to school and trying to take care of Melinda, but now I think back and say, 'It wasn't that hard.' No, I take that back, I can say it was hard."

"I also don't think I'd be as far as I am today without her, because I worked so much harder just to make it."

Lorelee Byrd, chairwoman of Metro Right to Life, said her organization's purpose is to help women in Laura's situation have their babies.

"We try very hard when we are made aware of a woman who has a crisis pregnancy, to do anything we can to help her," Byrd said. "Whether it be helping with maternity clothes or referring her to a doctor that would be willing to give free medical service, or just finding a place for her to live."

According to Byrd, Metro Right to Life has a list of families willing to take women into their homes during a crisis pregnancy.

"We're just here to meet the needs of any woman who wants to keep her baby," she said.

Carolyn LaGreca, chairwoman of the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, has had six unwed mothers live in her home.

"They go through counseling and decide whether to keep their baby or give it up for adoption," LaGreca said. "It's a safe place for them to make a decision about their futures on neutral ground."

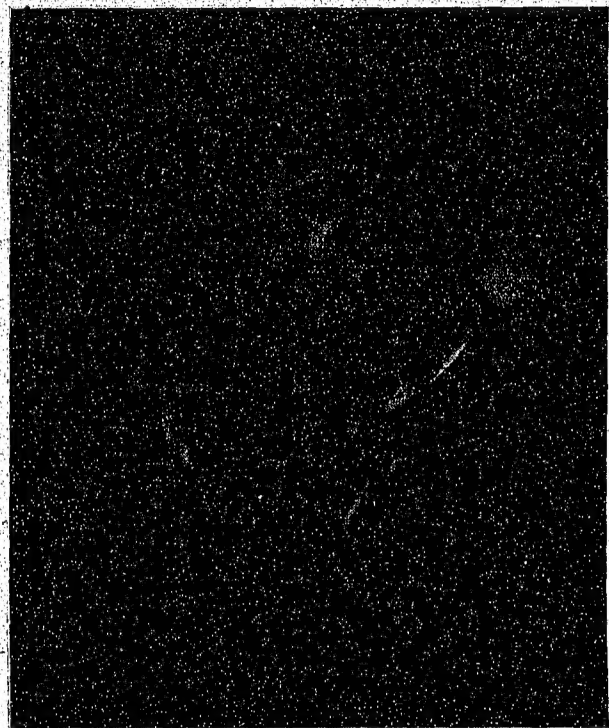
Both groups are involved in many activities for the pro-life movement.

Picketing Omaha abortion clinics is something many of the organizations' volunteers participate in.

"They carry signs of what an aborted baby looks like — and it's not very pretty," Byrd said.

According to Byrd, many of the women going into the abortion clinics "are never told that it's a baby."

"By the time it's 10-weeks old it has fingernails and toenails, and it has a head and eyes and all the little body parts are right there," she said. "Most of the women are told it's



The Christian Action Council, in conjunction with other pro-life organizations, sponsored a national day of prayer Sunday for the lives of unborn fetuses.

a blob of tissue or it's a tissue mass that's growing."

Seeing the pictures on the picket signs of 10-week-old fetuses gives those fetuses personhood, she said.

April 8, Virgil Sluka stood on the sidewalk outside the Women's Medical Center of Nebraska, an abortion clinic at 4930 L St., holding a sign reading "Abortion Kills."

"Abortion reduces human life to the level of animals. Those women decide who lives and dies," said Sluka, who began picketing the clinic three months ago.

Regarding allegations from pro-choice advocates that the picketers traumatize the women, Byrd said, "Any woman who enters an abortion clinic to have an abortion and sees the picture of an aborted baby — if that puts her under that much stress that she can honestly say she was traumatized — then she probably should not have been at the abortion clinic that day anyway."

The picketers' goals are to change the women's minds about having an abortion, she said.

"They will call out to the mothers, 'Do you need financial help? We'll help you, we'll provide you with a home or maternity clothes or baby clothes.'"

"If that's why she's having her abortion, we want to help. And that's our last chance before she goes into the clinic," Byrd said.

According to Byrd, the demonstrators have had some success in changing the minds of women. Some have even joined the group in the picket line, she said.

Most of the girls entering the clinics are accompanied either by a parent, a friend or a volunteer escort, she said.

"We see young women who really want to come over and talk to us, but they're prevented from doing that, either by the parent or the escort or whoever is there to take them in."

"If there's a chance that they wanted some more information, don't you think they should be able to come and get it without being traumatized, without having the escorts shout in their ears so that they can't hear what we're saying?"

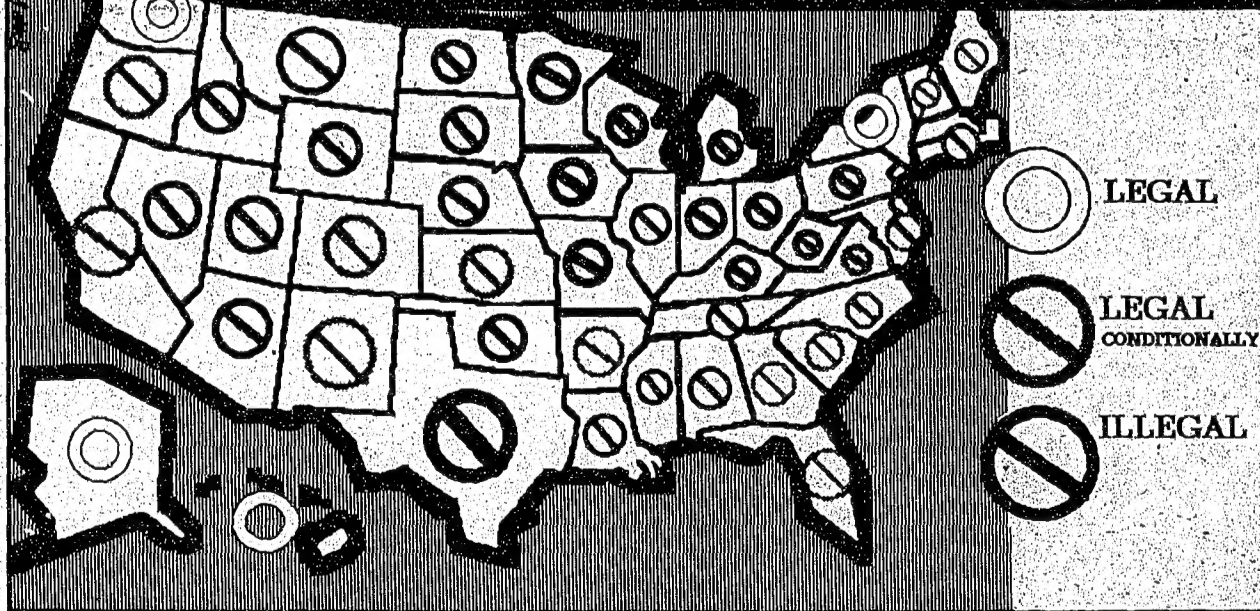
College students volunteer for both pro-life and pro-choice activities, Byrd said, and whatever side they're on, they're "very vocal."

"I find college students to be more informed about the issue than when I was in college," Byrd said. "And I find them to be more open-minded and more willing to read our literature than I did even 10 years ago."

"Ten years ago, abortion had been legal for four or five years, and I think that pro-lifers were painted as uncaring, religious fanatics. But now they've seen state senators, presidents, mayors and city council chairmen — people they respect or at least look up to intellectually — choose the

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## Before Roe vs. Wade



## Demonstrators march to Courthouse steps

An estimated 400 to 500 Omahans joined in a pro-choice march Sunday, marching from the Central Park Mall to the County Courthouse.

The local demonstration was in support of the National March for Women's Equality/Women's Lives in Washington, D.C..

"I really hope the march shows legislators that there isn't a majority of anti-choice people," said Arlie Katzman, chairwoman of the Pro-Choice Advocates and march coordinator.

"There's a whole lot of our constituents out there that can get them elected, provided they have the proper philosophy," she said.

Six speakers, including Katzman and UNO Associate Professor of Special Education Bill Callahan, gave speeches on the courthouse steps.

Callahan spoke about the relationship of abortion to abuse and neglect of unwanted children.

He said he was asked to speak at the march because he teaches a course about abused children.

"Ten percent of pregnancies are unwanted," he said. "When you begin looking at those statistics, you have children coming into families where they are unwanted, and that increases the probability and possibility of abuse occurring."

Lorelee Byrd, chairwoman of Metro Right to Life, said

her pro-life organization did not plan a counter demonstration Sunday, although a few pro-life advocates were present.

"I didn't think we needed to go out and do something because they were having a demonstration," she said.

"We planned to spend our day just asking God for strength to continue what we've been doing, and asking him to provide the opportunity to reverse Roe vs. Wade."

The Christian Action Council, in conjunction with a number of other pro-life organizations, sponsored a national day of prayer Sunday, according to Byrd.

Some local churches held prayer vigils, she said, and individuals were asked to pray for unborn fetuses.

Both the pro-life and pro-choice groups are trying to show government officials how much support they have.

Jan Kennedy, executive director of Planned Parenthood in Omaha, said the organization sent representatives to the Washington march and to the local one.

Byrd said she is aware that pro-choice agencies like Planned Parenthood "are getting themselves ready, too, and it's going to be a fight. It's going to be a dog-fight every inch of the way."



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pro-life side."

Both Byrd and Rev. John Vernon, director of the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities, said one of the movement's biggest concerns is that abortion can be legal during the last tri-mester of the pregnancy.

"Which in a sense invalidates the argument that there isn't life there in the beginning," Vernon said. "I don't know anyone in the world who would believe there isn't life from that stage on."

According to Byrd, the problem lies in the interpretation of the 1973 *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court decision, which made abortion legal in the United States.

"If you were to go out and take a poll, I dare say that you

would find very few people who know that abortion is legal up until the moment of birth," Byrd said. "And there are still people who don't realize that abortion is available on demand — they think it has to be some kind of exceptional circumstance."

Both Byrd's and Vernon's groups educate the public on the abortion issue and the pro-life stand. The Bishop's Pastoral Plan starts with children.

According to Vernon, the Catholic Education Department has mandated that there be a specific course taught in each Catholic school about pro-life and sexuality in general.

"On the abortion issue, the Catholic Church has always believed and taught that human life begins at conception," Vernon said. "With that as a beginning premise, you can see why the church is very concerned about the advancement of abortion, since it violates that basic human principle."

The Catholic Church is also opposed to the pro-choice argument which claims that a woman has a choice over decisions concerning her own body, he said.

"You don't have a choice over something that involves another life," Vernon said. "And you can't develop your own philosophy (on the issue) because the philosophy of life is based on our relationship with God. We can't suddenly decide today or tomorrow that we're not going to listen to God but that we're going to decide for ourselves."

## Choice from page 4

"That's why we're here," said UNO student and escort Kari Fisher, pointing to the protestor. "They're not pro-life, they're anti-choice."

A friend took Karen to the same abortion clinic four years ago, where she said she was met by at least a dozen picketers.

"They were giving me a lot of shit, and I gave it right back," she said. "I said, 'This is my life,' and they called me a murderer."

Fisher said many college students don't realize the importance of the abortion issue.

"I don't think it's a matter of being apathetic," Fisher said. "They just don't understand."

Since abortion has been legal for 16 years, Katzman said college students today don't understand what it's like not to have the option available.

"That scares the hell out of me," she said. "When they no longer have the right and they end up pregnant, their attitudes are going to change."

"And when you're dealing with students that want to finish their education and their birth control doesn't work, they're going to want to do something about an unwanted pregnancy," Katzman said. "It's just a shame they may have to die to get the job done."

## Cook from page 1

and three times. They could be transmitting AIDS right in the hospital," she said.

Currently, UNO Health Services and HPER are collecting items — pocket knives, lotion, mirrors, bed sheets (new or used) and light blankets — for Cook to take to the village people.

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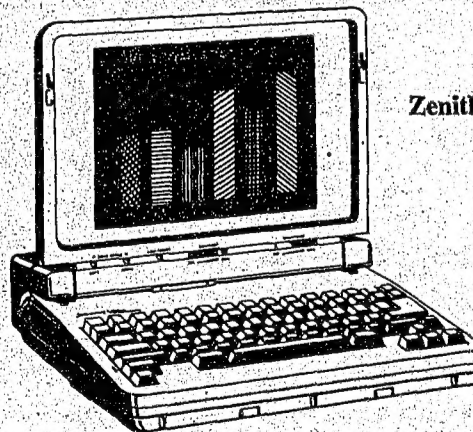
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# Sports

## Spring season begins Scrimmage encourages Buda

By TONY FLOTT  
Staff Reporter

The UNO football team saw its first live action of the spring season, Saturday morning, as preparation began for the 1989 season with a live scrimmage.

The scrimmage, held under chilly conditions, pitted the first, second and third string offenses against their defensive counterparts.

"It wasn't bad for a first scrimmage," UNO Coach Sandy Buda said. "We saw some things on both offense and defense that were encouraging."

Offensive improvement seems to be the most vital area to Buda, as he said they must score more points to improve on last year's finish.

**"We saw some things on both offense and defense that were encouraging."**

—Sandy Buda

"They had a couple of big plays and some sustained drives," Buda said. "That's surprising for a first scrimmage."

The offense had a 10-yard touchdown run from junior LaRon Henderson, a 20-yard score from sophomore Abel Fernandez and a 2-yard touchdown from junior Greg Thielen.

Quarterbacks Paul Cech and Kelly Gill went into spring drills as the only two players at the position, remaining number one

and two, respectively, on the depth chart.

Gill, however, had the better statistics, completing 7 of 12 passes for 71 yards.

"Gill played against the number two defense and he had two passes completed that were deflections, but I was surprised with his performance since he has been out (of football) for three years," Buda said.

Cech, who completed 3 of 9 passes against the top defense, teamed with Gill to give junior tight end Jeff Jennings the top day among the receivers.

Buda said Jennings had a good scrimmage, catching four passes for 58 yards. Buda also pointed to the running backs as having a solid day.

The third-team offense had the only fumble of the day on a center-quarterback exchange. There were no interceptions in the entire scrimmage.

Buda was also pleased with the play of his defense, where he returns seven starters. "It was a cold day and we had some crisp hitting out there," Buda said.

The defense was allowed to blitz, which caused some problems for the offense, Buda said. Cech and Gill were sacked eight times for a total of 50 yards.

Senior defensive back Jim Stenger, and junior defensive linemen Rich Lutter and Darin Curtis played solid, according to Buda.

Buda said he will keep adding to the offense and defense throughout the spring. "We just have to try and get better, find our first unit and develop some depth," Buda said.



— Dave Bavaresco

Nearly a week after the first spring practice on Monday, the football team completed its first live scrimmage.

## Weather and Mankato ice UNO

The UNO baseball team felt the chill of Omaha's spring weather last weekend.

On Saturday, Mankato State iced the Mavs offense, sweeping a doubleheader. On Sunday, Mount Marty was scheduled to match up with UNO, but the games were cancelled because of cold conditions.

The Mavs, now 5-8 on the season, scored two runs in the seventh inning of the second game against Mankato State. Though UNO needed just one more run to tie the score, the Mavs faltered with the bases loaded.

Jac Catton, senior hurler from Omaha Roncalli, got the loss in his first outing.

The losses gave UNO a 5-8 record and 5-4 in the North Central Conference. Mankato State evened its record to 11-11.

Mankato State was led by pitcher Jay Ovsak whoaced five UNO batters and had three hits en route to the 8-0 victory.

Scott LeMay and Gary Lane both drove in two runs for the only scores of the day for UNO.

Senior Ron Barnes took the loss, giving him a 2-3 record.

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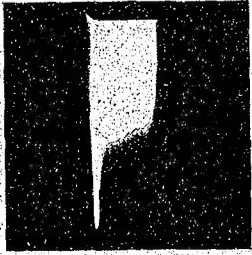
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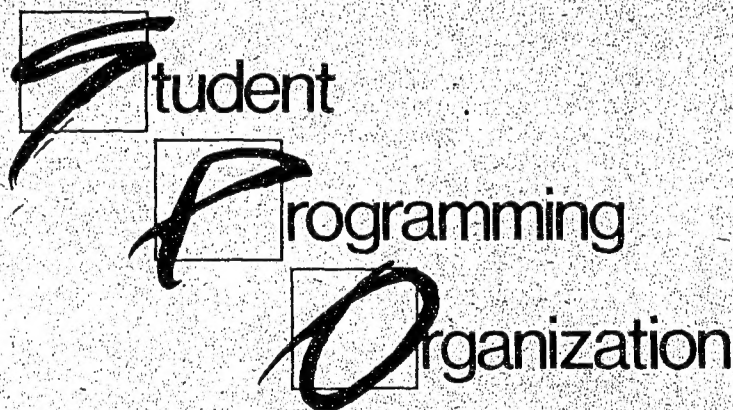


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# Omaha a softball city but over-30 baseball may be fun

Slow-pitch softball will be in full swing soon.

Omaha is truly the softball capitol. Relatives who visit me in the summer are amazed at the softball complexes and number of teams in this city. One cousin who visits regularly played in an exhibition game at the River City complex a couple of summers ago for the radio station team I played on.

He couldn't get over how "great" the condition the field was in. He also got to sample Seymour Smith and Dodge Park and had the same rave reviews for those fields. I guess we don't know how good we have it. Kind of like saying, "I complained I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet."

Slow pitch. The game was attacked a few years ago by a local fast-pitch pitcher who thought anyone who played the slow version wasn't manly. What's that have to do with it? Slow pitch is popular because it provides people, who might otherwise do nothing, an outlet to get involved with a recreational sport.

You don't have to play in the "blood and guts" leagues if all you want is a good time.

## Torri Pantaleon Sports Columnist

Soon after the fast-pitch/slow-pitch controversy, some baseballers got on the fast-pitch player. It was said if you really want to play a man's game, try Abner Doubleday's invention. But there is still controversy as to who really did invent baseball.

With baseball in mind, there's rumor about an over-30 baseball league starting. Wouldn't that be great? Heck, I'd be a kid in the league. My hometown put a team in one of those leagues last year. They called themselves the Mansfield Royals. Incredible. They didn't do too badly, finishing at 35-15.

Tom Seaver was supposed to pitch a couple of times in that league this year. Of course, that was planned before he was signed with the Yankees to replace Bill White in the broadcast booth. White will be the new National League president.

Can you imagine saying you batted against Tom Terrific? A couple of guys I grew up with told me they bought a pitching machine, rented the high school gym three times a week and stood three-quarters of the regular distance away from the machine just to get ready for Seaver's pitches. They figure if they can get their reactions down that close, they'll be able to at least get their bats on the ball when they face Seaver from normal distance.

Anyway, it would be great if Omaha would get an over-30 baseball league going. Attempts to get to Joe Cupich, who helps keep the All-American League going, were futile, but he could help out tremendously.

After all these years of not playing baseball, would it be tough to get into a catcher's crouch for 30 some-odd games? Would the baseball look like a BB in the outfield? Would it hurt to catch a relay? How would it feel to wear a cup again? If you don't know what a cup is, ask Coach Gates?

The biggest feat, or fear, would be hitting. A couple of years back, the Omaha Sportscasters Association had a baseball hitting contest at Rosenblatt Stadium before a Royals game. The winning sportscaster got free dinner (just what sportscasters need) and some other prizes. We batted against then Omaha skipper Joe Sparks. He was grooving them.

The problem was the bat wouldn't come around. It felt like it weighed a ton. UNO Sports Information Director Gary

Anderson did pretty well. He cheated. He had his oldest son pitch baseballs to him for a week before the contest.

Back to the original thought ... hitting in an over-30 league. What happens if you face a guy who thinks he's 22 and tries all the fancy stuff that never worked for him then? Will your reflexes be sharp enough to get you out of trouble in the batter's box? Maybe this guy's the reincarnation of Ryne Duren, wears glasses as thick as the bottom of a soda bottle and throws 90 mph, but seldom over the plate. At this stage in life, there's nobody in the stands to impress by staying in there.

Here's a good question. If anybody on your team is capable of stealing a base, or even thinking of it, would they slide? Could they slide?

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